

# Authority Monitoring Report

## Part 2: Spatial Strategy

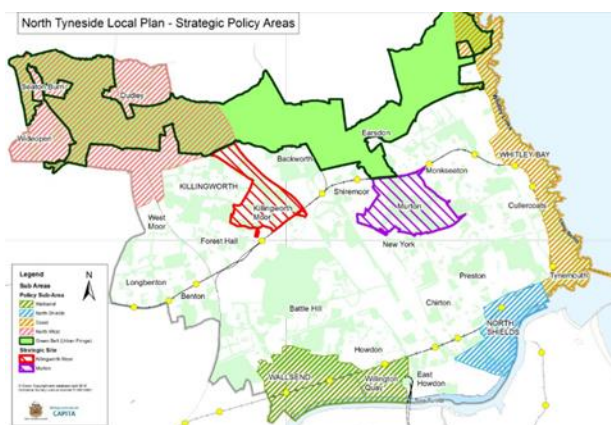
**Monitoring Year: 2023/24**

This note provides an update on progress in preparation of delivery of the overall strategy established within the North Tyneside Local Plan 2017.

### 2.1 Spatial Strategy

North Tyneside’s spatial strategy sets out the overarching approach to securing growth within the Borough and identifies key areas of development, investment, and protection from change. This includes:

**Figure 1: Local Plan Key Diagram**



- Supporting regeneration at Wallsend, North Shields, the Coast and the North West Villages;
- Supporting economic investment along the A19 corridor and the River Tyne North Bank;
- Directing housing growth to the

main urban area and strategic allocations of Murton Gap and Killingworth Moor;

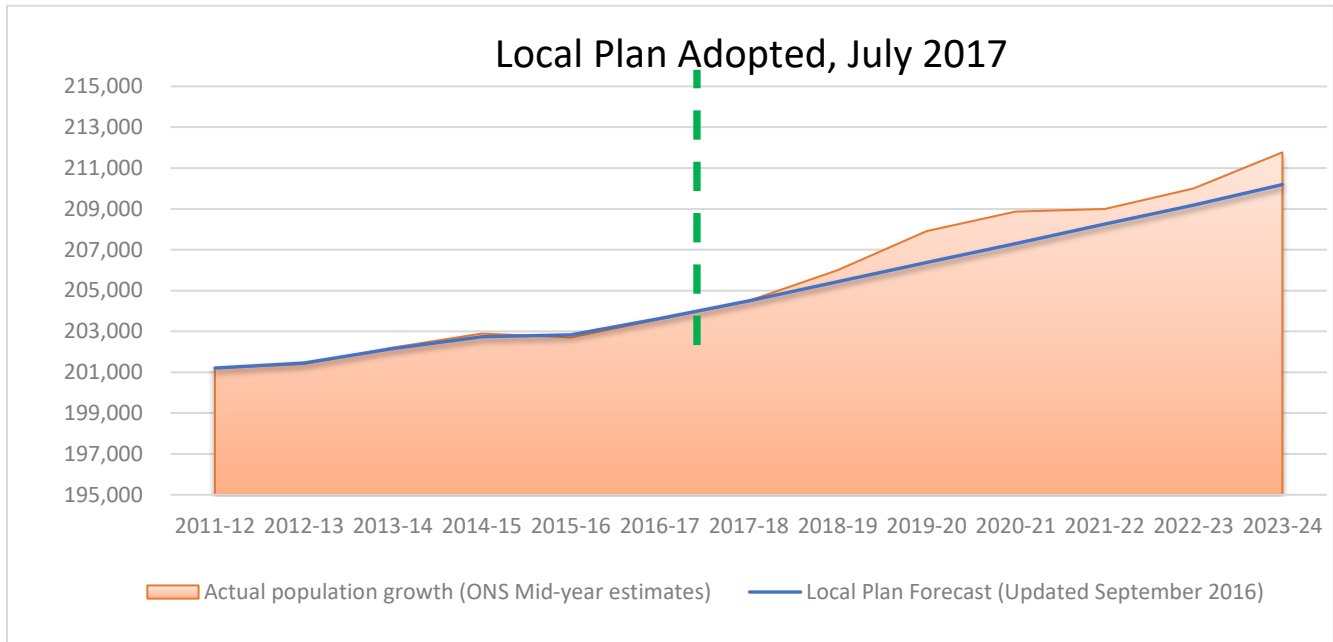
- Protecting designated open spaces and the Green Belt from development.

### 2.2 Overall Population Growth

The borough’s Local Plan forecast is based upon long term migration trends and the ONS 2014 Sub-national Population Projection. The 2021 Census shows that the population size of North Tyneside has increased by 4.1% from 200,800 in 2011 to 209,000 in 2021. The mid-year 2023 estimates suggest the population is now 211,769. This has slightly exceeded the 2017

Local Plan’s population forecast of 206,500. Figure 2 shows the forecast and actual population growth in North Tyneside.

**Figure 2 Forecast and Actual Population Growth in North Tyneside**



### 2.3 Area Specific Strategies

In North Shields (Policy S8.11) a masterplan has been developed to guide the regeneration potential of the area. As part of this, North Shields Transport Hub officially opened in September 2023. The development brings together buses, the Metro, taxis and cycling infrastructure.



A management Strategy for Northumberland Square conservation area was adopted at cabinet in July 2024. The management strategy will support the delivery of the High Streets Heritage Action Zone funded by Historic England. The management strategy will work to maintain and strengthen Northumberland Square’s special qualities and character.

Also within North Shields town centre, construction work has begun at the site of the former Unicorn House in North Shields to develop 28 new affordable homes.

Cabinet also adopted Wallsend Masterplan in 2023 with work undertaken to improve the visual appearance of shop fronts and security shutters, and measures currently being considered to enhance the experience at Segedunum Roman Fort and other key buildings across the town centre.

Additional work considering the regeneration of Whitley Bay town centre and settlements and villages across the North West of the Borough were underway during 2023/24.

## **2.4 Strategic Housing Development**

The strategic allocations of Murton Gap (Policy S4.4a) and Killingworth Moor (Policy S4.4b) are major locations for new homes in North Tyneside. During 2023/23 the Council has continued to work with the Development Consortia at both sites.

### **Killingworth Moor**

20/01435/FULES, Development of for 539 dwellings has been permitted on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and construction on site has begun.

19/01095/FULES has been permitted on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for 432 residential dwellings.

### **Murton Gap**

19/00257/FULES, development of 310 dwellings has been permitted in December 2021 and construction on site has begun.

23/00241/FULES for up to 2,700 dwellings has was submitted in February 2023 and is yet to be determined.

## **2.5 The Green Belt**

Through 2023/24 no major developments were approved that impacted upon the Borough's Green Belt and the extent of Green Belt remains unchanged.